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In Re Application of:)
Clifton Lind et. al.)

Serial No.: 10/021,396)

Filed: December 7, 2001)

FOR: LOTTERY TICKET)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is submitted together with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 30, 2003, in the above-identified application. This response is filed within the first month following the three-month shortened statutory period for response set in the Final Office Action. A petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action accompanies this amendment and RCE.

Please amend the application as follows: